PROJECT SUCCESS

The Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services received a grant from CMS through our Self Determination option, to provide a "train the trainer" model for waiver supports coordinators and consumer teams. The purpose of the training was to teach teams how to train consumers and waiver staff on consumers becoming successful employers.

PHI provided the technical assistance and training which included information about adult learning and training techniques as well as information about employing direct care workers. The curriculum consisted of 10 modules covered in three, two-day sessions. All participants also committed to practicing the training and hours of homework.

As a result, there are now 6 teams, located in southeast Michigan available to provide training to consumers and staff on successfully employing workers. This addresses a critical need to support participants in Self Determination.

Congratulations and thanks to the Area Agency on Aging, 1B, the Partners in Personal Assistance and Disability Advocates of Kent County for making this huge commitment. Thanks especially to Maureen Sheahan and Darlene Kauffman from PHI for the hours creating a curriculum that made sense for use in long-term care as well as providing excellent training.

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